



Housing Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes

Date: 10/5/17

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Town Manager's Conference Room, Second Floor

Present: Pam Hallett, Samarra Clayman, Ann Woodward, Kate Casa, Laura Wiener, Julie Wayman (staff)

Guests: Jonathan Nyberg

Group follow-up discussion of accessory apartments. A great option, though not necessarily affordable. Allows family accommodation, space to house help, first floor bedroom for child care or elder care, facilitating the "village". Members were asked to discuss with neighbors and others in the community. Generally positive, except for concern about Airbnb. Creating small units in a time when small is disappearing.

Julie reported that Lexington allows accessory dwelling units but there is not a huge demand. 4-5/year. They recently amended the original proposal trying to take out the hurdles and streamline the process. In Newton there has been a lot of interest. It was adopted in April, 2017, and there have been about 2-3 inquiries per week. The Council on Aging supported it. They do not allow egress in front. Can we use the Home Improvement Program?

General consensus to put something together and vet it with community and then with ARB.

Requirements:

- Lot size as required in district
- Owner occupied
- 33% of total floor area
- Maximum 750 square feet
- Inside the primary unit allowed by right, separate structure by special permit
- Allowed in any zone (R0, R1, R2)
- No additional parking required
- Maintaining single family appearance (look at Burlington)

Next meeting Laura will craft something to react to. Need to discuss timing and content with ARB.

Next meeting date set for November 9, 2017, 7:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.